

HALL GRAND JURY QUIZZES SCORE IN HUNT FOR MYSTERY SLAYERS

Schneider First Witness Called Before Old Body

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SOMERVILLE, N. J., Sept. 15.—Routed from their beds during the night, members of the hold-over April grand jury of Somerset county today began hearing the evidence gathered by Special Prosecutor Simpson in his investigation of the Hall-Mills murders.

Assembled in record time, the jurors listened for eleven minutes to a charge by Supreme Court Justice Harold W. Parker, and then retired, when witness after witness was called before them to tell what they known of the mysterious crime.

Judge Instructs Jury

An air of great expectancy pervaded the courthouse as Justice Parker began his address in which he instructed the jury that it was not concerned with the various degrees of murder, but only with the participants. These he placed in three classes:—

1. Principals in the first degree (the actual participants).
2. Principals in the second degree (those present who aided or abetted in the crime).
3. Accessories before and after the killings.

The justice then pointed out that the jurors were not to set themselves up as ultimate judges of the guilt or innocence of those persons it might return indictments against. A reasonable probability of guilt was sufficient upon which to base an indictment, he said.

Mills First to Arrive

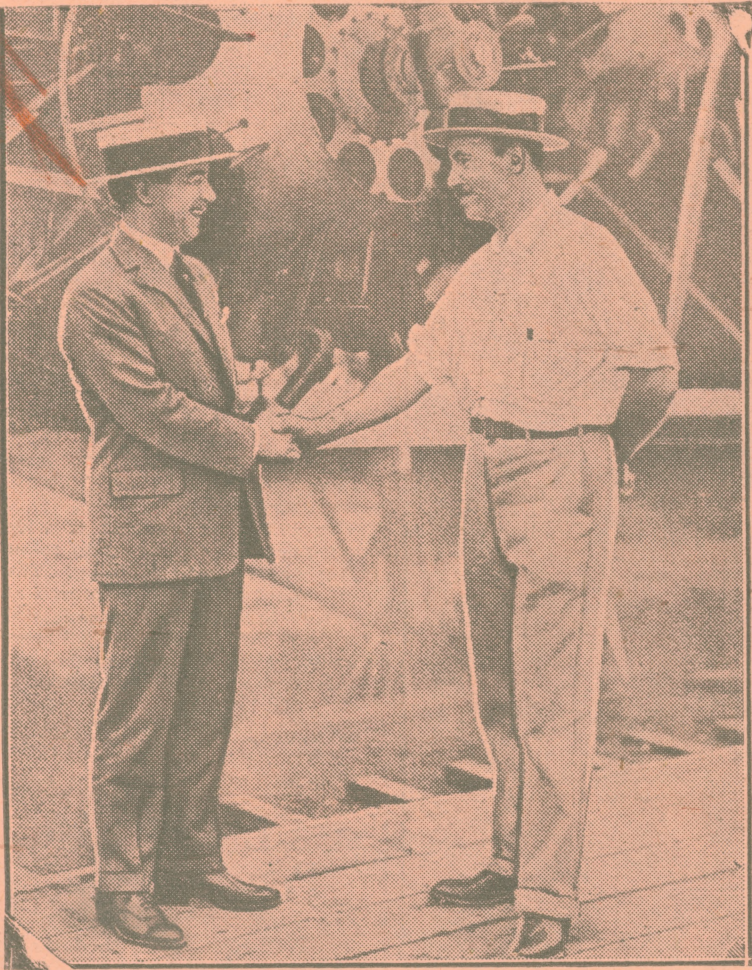
James Mills, husband of Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, was the first of the witnesses to arrive. He declared he hoped the guilty would be found out and indicted.

"But I doubt they ever will be convicted," he exclaimed.

Raymond Schneider, who, with Pearl Bahmer, discovered the bodies of Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills under the crabapple tree, will be the first witness called.

Schneider, whose testimony will establish the corpus delicti, served

Pilot and Designer of Big Plane



CAPT. RENE FONCK, French ace, to the left, is seen here receiving the congratulations of Igor Sikorsky, Russian designer of the giant plane, at the aviation field at Westbury, L. I. The immense size of the plane can be seen by comparison with the aviators who are standing almost in front of two of the three big motors with which it is equipped.

Weather Delays Hop-Off Of Plane in N. Y.-Paris Trip

The New York to Paris non-stop flight of the giant Sikorsky biplane, which was to have begun at dawn this morning, was postponed for a day or more, owing to unfavorable weather conditions reported to Capt. Rene Fonck, French ace, in charge of the project, shortly after midnight.

A test flight will be made at 11 o'clock this morning, Capt. Fonck

Girl, 15, Missing, Mother Is Dying

Helen Nassau, 15, 285 Schenectady Ave., Brooklyn, walked out of the home in which her mother lay seriously ill with heart trouble a week ago. She did not return.

Today, a week later, doctors despair of the mother's life unless her daughter comes home. This morning, after his wife suffered another attack, Helen's father asked The GRAPHIC to aid in a search for the girl. She was last seen near a taxi stand on a corner close to her home, he declared.

DAWES TO BE GUEST

Vice-President Charles G. Dawes will be the guest of honor this evening at the third annual dinner of the Radio Association.

Clearing House

(Official figures)

Exchanges ---- \$870,000,000
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TO OUR ADVERTISERS:

The GRAPHIC regrets that, owing to the pressure upon its space, it is compelled to omit from today's issue fourteen columns of advertising.

Witnesses Are Barred As Lawyers Wrangle At Trial of Daugherty

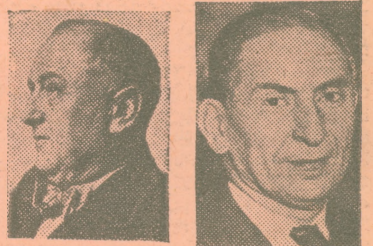
Richard Merton, German financier, and government witness, today took the stand for the sixth time before Federal Judge Julian W. Mack for redirect cross-examination by United States Attorney Emory R. Buckner, who is trying to prove conspiracy against Col. Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian, and Harry M. Daugherty, former attorney general.

Attorney Buckner and Max D. Steuer, attorney for Daugherty, engaged in a verbal battle over the question of when the World War actually started after Buckner had attempted to learn from Merton

Identify 'Cry Baby' Thugs in L. I. City Hold-Up Trial

Philip Oberst and Bernard Frankel, two of the six "cry-baby" bandits on trial for robbery in the Queens County Court, were identified by three witnesses as members of the band of robbers who held up the cashier of the William F. Kenny Construction Company in Long Island City and stole \$2,460.

A fourth witness positively identified Peter Mahoney, another defendant, and then retracted it. Leo Hecker, Frank Kerrigan and James O'Connor, the other defendants, were not identified.



H. M. Daugherty Max Steuer

when his Swiss and German companies began to depreciate in value.

Argument Over War

Merton said 1910. He previously had blamed the World War, and Buckner mentioned the fact that the war hadn't started.

"It started thirty years ago," retorted Steuer. The argument followed.

For the first time since the trial began all witnesses were excluded from the courtroom.

Yesterday the government won an important point. Steuer made a motion for a mistrial on the grounds that Buckner was too vigorous in his conduct of the case. Judge Mack denied the motion.

Thrown On Defense

Buckner then proceeded to throw attorneys for both alleged conspirators on the defensive.

The questions were designed to prove that Merton in 1921 had obtained the passage of a defective claim when he had recovered \$7,000,000 of war impounded assets of the American Metals Company here.

Walker Declines To Make Public His Subway Plans

Mayor Walker declines to divulge the details of his plan to operate the new city subways independently on a five-cent fare without burdening the city with additional cost through taxation, or combining the new lines with the Interborough or B. M. T.



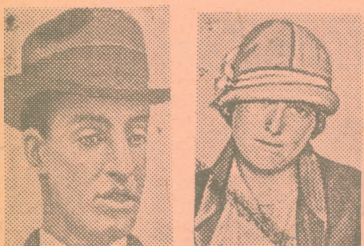
Mayor Walker explained he did not contemplate a revival of the plan to pay part of the cost of the new subways through special assessments on adjoining property, suggested during the Hyman administration as a method by which the city might save a large part of the interest charges on bonds issued to pay for subway construction.

The mayor's announcement that he had a plan, made at a meeting of the United Real Estate Owners' Association at the Biltmore Hotel the preceding evening, caused great interest and speculation. The mayor indicated that he was not ready to say any more at present, but that he considered the plan had at least a chance of success.

Lawyer Confirms Kip Divorce Plan By Huge 'Ransom'

Confirming an exclusive story that appeared in The GRAPHIC recently that Leonard Kip Rhinelander planned to divorce Alice Beatrice Jones by giving her \$150,000, Joseph Duvalier, attorney in the case, declared in Paris:—

"You can't hit it any closer than that. However, I can say nothing more for either Mr. Rhinelander or his wife at this time."



Ralph Gorsline Catherine Rastall

a term in county jail for perjury four years ago after he had falsely accused Clifford Hayes of the double murder.

Early this morning crowds began to mill about the spacious marble courthouse on the village green to await the appearance of the now famous witnesses in the double tragedy. They are:—

Mrs. Jane Gibson, the "pig woman," who says she heard four shots on the night of September 14, 1922, and recognized Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, widow of the slain clergyman; Willie Stevens, her brother, and Henry de B. Carpenter, their cousin, at the scene of the crime. All three are charged with the murders.

Ralph V. Gorsline, vestryman in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, who, after four years silence, last week was forced to admit that he was on the Phillips farm on the murder night with a woman not his wife, and heard voices, shots and a woman's scream.

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